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Please amend the claims as follows (all of the claims and their current status are shown, for convenience):

1. (unamended) A computer telephony system comprising:

computer telephony platforms having resources that provide computer telephony services:

service modules residing on each of the platforms, wherein the service modules manipulate the resources according to platform-dependent protocols to facilitate performance of the computer telephony services for other service modules, and communication among the service modules uses message packets having a common, platform-independent protocol;

intra-platform packet routers residing on the platforms and configured to route message packets having intra-platform destination addresses to local service modules, and route message packets having inter-platform destination addresses to an inter-platform interface; and

an inter-platform packet router associated with the inter-platform interface, the interplatform router routing message packets having inter-platform destination addresses received from the intra-platform routers to one of the intra-platform routers residing on one of the platforms on which the service modules indicated by the inter-platform address reside.

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